(c) Even at the time of the inception of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme, it was anticipated that certain restrictions would be imposed by the industrially advanced countries on this project. Therefore, a programme for indigenous development was initiated at the outset. This is being strengthened in view of the export restrictions by other countries. At the same time, where possible, the Government also pursues bilateral discussions with individual countries to explore whether some of these concerns can be addressed through mutually acceptable understandings.

Payment of transport subsidies to Arunachal Pradesh

1684. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 3,21,53988/- is still pending unpaid by Government as transport subsidies under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme with effect from 1988 onward in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh have submitted Transport Subsidy claims amounting to Rs. 3.31 crores and have requested for advance payment for disbursement to the eligible units. They have been advised to first disburse the money and then claim reimbursement as the Scheme works on the basis of reimbursement to the State Governments.

Setting up of Industrial Growth Centre in Arunachal Pradesh

1685. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Industrial Growth Centre in Arunachal/ Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Government have submitted a proposal recently to set up one such Growth Centre at Niglok, East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 1988, Arunachal Pradesh has been allotted one growth centre for which the State Government has proposed two locations namely, Niklog-Ngorlung in East Siang district and Hollongi in Lower Subansiri district. The State Government has been asked to furnish certain additional information on the locations.

Protection to PSUs in awarding contracts

1686. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 239 given in Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1992 and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken up the matter with the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka regarding the acceptance of the offer of MAMC, Durgapur for package I and II of the Coal Handling Plant of North Madras Thermal Power Station of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board against global tender;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps to be taken by Government to protect Public Sector Undertakings in awarding contracts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The respective State Governments were requested to consider placing these orders on MAMC. While no response from State Government of Karnataka was received, the State Government of Tamil Nadu's offer to get the approval of ADB